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Council raps senators

Students' Council last night condemned the actions of the Student Senators who attended yesterday's Senate meeting. They had attended the meeting despite a previous motion by Council passed last week withdrawing its representatives from Senate.

Nigel Gibson, Arts rep, accused the Senators of "prostituting the Students' Society" by their actions and called the Senate "a whorehouse of democracy." He moved that Council condemn the actions and reiterate its intention to withdraw its Senators.

Steve Strasser, Law rep, moved that Council also refuse to "run or fund elections for Student Senators." Both motions were passed.

Senator Bruce Campbell, who had been invited with the other Senators to participate in the discussions on these motions, then read a statement of resignation from Senate.

"In keeping with the motion passed by Students' Council," he said, "I hereby submit to the Council my resignation as representative of the Students' Society on Senate. I hope that the Executive will communicate my resignation to the Senate."

Several councillors and members of the audience applauded loudly as Campbell outlined the reasons for his resignation. He said that the present representation on Senate was "tokenism" and that attending meetings was "legitimizing Senate's claims to fair representation while the Senate continues to make decisions without consulting students."

In reply to Senator Bruce Katz, who questioned his appearance at the afternoon meeting of Senate, Campbell said that he had only attended for "four minutes." Gibson pointed out that he had asked Campbell to "rest his butt in the seat, which is all that attending a meeting means", in an attempt to have Senate hear a statement that Gibson had prepared.

Internal Vice-President David Rovins then stated that the

issue would go "to the students, not to the Judicial Committee."

Earlier in the evening, Council accepted Martin Shapiro's resignation as Chief Returning Officer, and appointed Bennett Little, Commerce rep, to replace him.

Shapiro resigned because he did not feel that he would "be able to conduct the sort of even-handed election I would like to on March 1st." He pointed to the advertisement on the last page of the Plumber's Pot featuring the President of the Students' Society, who has announced his intention to run for re-election, as the principal reason for his decision to resign.

Council also appointed Dave Weiner as Cafeteria Committee Chairman, with Rene Sorell and Peter Chodos appointed to negotiate the new contract with Maisonneuve Vending.

Radio McGill was attacked by Barry Hoodem, engineering rep, for "anarchy, mismanagement, and lack of security." Hoodem moved that Council close the radio station until it "feels that it is able to reopen the station."

Rovins supported the motion

saying that Radio McGill should not be "just a club for pranks, or for waffling around."

Mario DiPaolo, Arts rep, then proposed an amendment that Council "appoint a trustee to have ultimate authority over Radio McGill." He suggested that Mike Higgs be appointed trustee for the station.

Tom Sorell, *Daily* editor, questioned the Council's right to interfere in the internal affairs of the organization and asked that the people in the station should be consulted for their view of the situation's seriousness.

Higgs, a member of Radio McGill, spoke against the motion that would have made him trustee of the station. He stated that matters "can be worked out by the staff. The staff has voted on a new constitution that places control in the hands of the staff, and we can work out our own problems."

Both motions were defeated. A budget for rock festivals was passed, and during discussions on constitutions, the quorum was broken and the meeting limped to a close.



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AH, THE PLEASURE OF LISTENING TO GABBY'S SPEECH! A selection of faces at yesterday's Council meeting during which Senate was described as "a whorehouse of democracy".

by andrew phillips

AAC holds forum on economics

The view that the economic troubles of Quebec and Canada can be solved by working through the existing political system was criticized yesterday at a forum on "The Current Economic Crisis in Quebec", organized by the Academic Activities Committee.

George Grantham, McGill professor of economics, and Marlene Dixon and Jim Hawley of the department of Sociology, spoke to about 50 students about the relationship between the effect of the U.S. and Canadian economics on Quebec.

George Grantham claimed that "most of Canada's problems are not basically due to the United States, although they are certainly exacerbated by the proximity of the U.S."

Rather, they come from "the very foolish, shortsighted, and one might say gutless policies of the federal government," he continued.

Instead of the government's "stupid" policies of deliberately contracting the economy, Grantham recommended "a most reasonable solution: just print money, give it to the poor, and let them spend it."

Stupidity, "lack of political pressure", and "lack of will", were the reasons Grantham gave for the government's policies.

Since the Quebec government is now severely limited in its actions, Grantham stated that an independent Quebec "could operate its own fiscal and monetary policies better", and that this was "the main theoretical case for sovereignty."

Marlene Dixon argued that since Canada is so closely linked to the U.S., the government's problems are not ones of "will", but instead "this condition results from the development of world imperialism and from the profit motive of the native capitalist class."

She pointed out that "Ottawa's policy is not an accident or due to a lack of will. It's due to a lack of power."

Dixon attacked the idea that Quebec's problems can be solved by constitutional separation: "Until we find a way to detach Quebec from world imperialist control, sovereignty as defined by the Parti Québécois will only result in increasing control from Washington D.C."

A student who criticized Grantham's approach for attributing government action to

"a mystical idea of stupidity or lack of will," asked, "does that mean we should give them intelligence injections or strengthen their moral fibre?" The student stated that Ottawa's policies "arise out of their own economic interests."

"The only way this can be changed," he continued, "is as it is being changed now: by large amounts of ordinary people starting to discuss what should be done."

Grantham criticized the view that the government is controlled by the capitalist class. "Obviously they have extraordinary control," he stated, "but an enlightened public and a firm administration can buck these people."

He urged the government to "change the laws so that it's not profitable to sell out."

However, a student stated that "the majority of people here would not want to be exploited by an American or a Canadian capitalist."

Jim Hawley described post-World War II American economic policy as being dominated by the growth of the military and the rise of the multinational corporation.

"By 1947 there had been a clear political decision on the part of the U.S. to maintain a political structure dependent upon the military," he stated.

Hawley explained that the "sectoral bulge" resulting from this policy has led to inflation, the wasting of resources, and low "spin-off" effects.

He said a multinational corporation is "able to ride the bumps of a particular economy because it acts with the global situation, and is therefore able to manipulate a particular economy."

"Classical" economic policies are therefore ineffective, Hawley explained, "since Keynesian economics assume the integrity of the individual nation state."

Pointing out that inflation is continuing in the U.S. despite the American government's "New Economic Policy", Dixon said that "wages are frozen, but the government is permitting the corporations to increase prices. Then the public is told the government can't figure out the reason for the inflation."

"It's my estimation that the U.S. is going down, and it's going to take Canada and Quebec down with it," Dixon concluded. "Things are going to get worse before they get better."



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by phyllis ball

Students confront senators

Senate's student representatives battled briefly with Senate yesterday on the issue of student representation in the university's two august governing bodies.

Senate refused to put aside its agenda and allow student councillor Nigel Gibson to explain why Council decided last Wednesday to withdraw all student Senators "until we are satisfied that our representation is meaningful."

Council wants to increase the number of student seats on Senate from 8 to 13, and to create five student seats on the Board of Governors. There are no student Governors at present.

Four student Senators ignored Council's decision and attended yesterday's meeting. Student Society president Gabor Zinner, who did not attend, explained the reasons for his absence in a letter to Principal Robert Bell.

"We have declared a moratorium in the external affairs of the Students' Society while we formulate our position," Zinner wrote. "Our withdrawal from Senate was to indicate to Senate that a re-evaluation was under way."

"This should not, however, be construed as an ultimate severance, nor as a refusal to negotiate with Senate," he continued.

Student Senator Bruce Katz moved that Gibson be allowed to address Senate on the issue.

"I think that would be a most unwise deviation from our Agenda," said Academic Vice-Principal Michael Oliver.

George Johnston, Dean of Divinity, remarked that Senate has scheduled a major discussion of the issue of student representation for its next meeting Feb. 23. "I think we've gone as far as we can go at this point," he said. "I don't think we should allow anyone to disrupt this meeting procedurally or otherwise."

"The point is, it's better if the meeting is disrupted procedurally rather than otherwise," retorted Katz.

"That sounds like a threat," cried several outraged Senators. Nothing came of the threat, however, as Senate continued to discuss the procedural problems of allowing Gibson to speak.

"This is all absolute bullshit," interrupted Gibson. "Aren't you interested in finding out what the students think?"

Engineering Dean George D'Ombrian wanted to know what special qualifications Gibson had to speak on the subject. "Does he have any special knowledge? Or is he just a student like any other student?"

"I'm just a student like any other student," replied Gibson. "And that's why I want to speak."

The issue of whether Gibson would be allowed to speak never came to a vote, and Katz finally withdrew his motion.

Student Senator Phil Novack moved that Senate table a proposal now before it for student membership on the Board of Governors, to allow the students more time to discuss it. Novack also stated that he wanted the issues of student representation on the Board of Governors and increased student representation on Senate to be discussed at the same time.

The motion now before Senate, which was formulated by the Membership Committee of the Board of Governors, would allow three students on the Board. One student would be appointed by the Board, one would be elected by the Graduates' Society, and one would be elected by Senate.

Novack is proposing an amendment to this motion, in which the three student Governors would be elected by the student body.

Novack and Katz then fought to have a discussion on increased student representation in Senate included at next week's meeting of the Senate Steering Committee. This proposal at first met with solid opposition.

Several senators pointed out that the Ad-Hoc Committee on Senate Membership is now considering that question, and that their report was not expected until April.

Novack, who is a member of this committee, said that while they could not prepare a complete report by next week, they could at least give a general statement saying whether or not change is needed. Other committee members, however, said that they could not work under that kind of pressure.

Vice-Principal (Academic) Michael Oliver proposed a compromise motion which asked the committee to report by March 14 if possible, so that there would be time for some discussion of the issue before the end of term.

Katz refused to accept the compromise solution. "This question has been delayed and delayed," he said. "It doesn't look like any solution is in sight as far as Senate goes."

"The students have now decided to take the issue into their own hands. I think Senate should at least make an effort to treat it with some importance."

Dean Johnston agreed with him, and told Senate that it had an obligation to act as quickly

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TODAY

ISA: 2 girls needed to serve supper Feb. 19. For details see Hanusia, 12-2 Union B 40.

BIOLOGY AND SOCIAL CHANGE: Gaz-O-Rama to raise money for daycare centre. Sell tickets, get credits. Sign up in Drop-in centre.

CAMPUS LEGAL AID: Union 412, 4-7 pm. 392-8992.

OLD MCGILL: Grad photos at Gerald Campbell Studios 842-6037, deadline Feb. 15. Old McGill on sale for \$5 from 12-2 in Union lobby.

CHINESE STUDENTS' SOCIETY: Chinese chess tournament 7:30 pm. Union B 23-24.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SOCIETY: Speaker Mr. Mel Williamson at Industrial Relations Centre 762 Sherbrooke at 3:45 pm.

ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY: A discussion on the Magdalenian and Mount Carmel tool collections in the Redpath Museum, 7 pm. Leacock 738.

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LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETY: Important general meeting concerning conferences, fee hike, and party. Union 123, 4:30.

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as possible. "This is indeed a serious question. There is a certain crisis of confidence involved as far as the students are concerned."

"For the first time in recent history the students have gotten hold of an issue that they think is substantial. Senate does not have a very good record as far as dealing with matters of this nature are concerned."

Vice-Principal Oliver's compromise motion passed with a slim majority, however. At this point, Dean Johnston requested the Students' Society to put the matter on the agenda for the meeting, as it is empowered to do.

Senate agreed with the suggestion, and promised to discuss the whole issue of student representation in Committee of the Whole at its next meeting.

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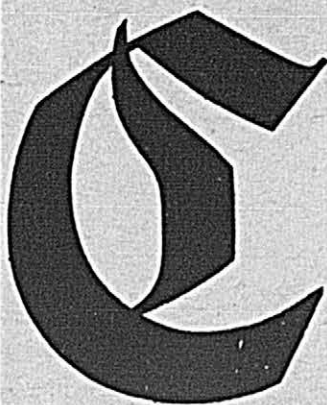
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